

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 19, 2008, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration. In the Office Action, the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement between:

Group I – Claims 1-6, drawn to a method for extracorporeal oxygenation; and

Group II – Claims 7-11, drawn to an apparatus for extracorporeal oxygenation.

By the foregoing, Applicant has elected to restrict examination to Group II – Claims 7-11 with traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that a search and examination of claims 1-6 could be made along with elected claims 7-11 without a serious burden, such that the Examiner should also examine claims 1-6 on the merits. See MPEP §803.

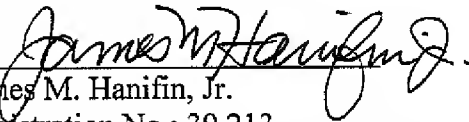
Having made the foregoing election, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected Group.

Favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. H0075.70113US00.

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Respectfully submitted,

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